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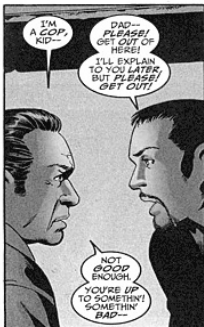
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AND THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE IS THIS --

BIGTOWN

A STAN LEE PRESENTATION





HELLO, THIS IS SUSAN RICHARDS.

THAT'S RIGHT. ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL OFF GRAMERCY PARK.

WELL, YOU ASSUMED WRONG. NEXT TIME READ THE ORDER.

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CAN YOU BELIEVE THESE GUNS? THEY TRUCKED THE LILIES TO A ST. MICHAEL'S IN GREENWICH!

NOW I'M ON HOLD WHILE THEY TALK WITH THEIR—

HI, OKAY. BUT THAT ORDER ALSO SAYS BY MIDNIGHT, OKAYS

ALL RIGHT THEN.

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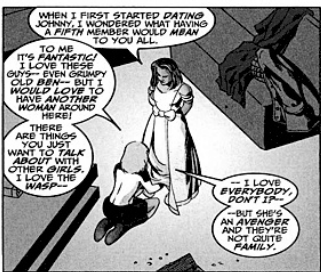


THAT'S WHY YOU'RE FRAZZLED, SUSIE. THE BRIDE'S MOTHER IS SUPPOSED TO BE GOING CRAZY, NOT THE GROOM'S SISTER.

I KNOW, AND YOUR MOM'S A GEM FOR LETTING ME BE INVOLVED AT ALL. BUT INSIDE THE FANTASTIC FOUR THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN A TERRIFIC TWO-- THE LAST TWO OF OUR FAMILY.

I AM SO THRILLED AT THE PROSPECT OF LITTLE STORMS--

--EVEN LITTLE JOHNNY STORMS-- THAT I JUST WANT TO HELP ANY WAY I CAN.



WHEN I FIRST STARTED DATING JOHNNY, I WONDERED WHAT HAVING A FIFTH MEMBER WOULD MEAN TO YOU ALL.

TO ME IT'S FANTASTIC! I LOVE THESE GUYS-- EVEN GRIMMY OLD BEN-- BUT I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ANOTHER WOMAN AROUND HERE!

THERE ARE THINGS YOU JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT WITH OTHER GIRLS. I LOVE THE WASP--

-- I LOVE EVERYBODY, DON'T I? -- BUT SHE'S AN AVENGER AND THEY'RE NOT QUITE FAMILY.



THEN... ... THEN THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT, SUE.

YOU CAN TALK TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING, SALLY.



I'M PREGNANT.



4! THERE IS A WORLD OUTSIDE THE BIG TOWN, BUT IT'S
FOCUSED ON THE CITY TONIGHT--
--NOT LATVERIA.

HEAR NOW
MY FINAL ORDERS,
SILVER SURFER.

HEAR
THE WORD OF
DOCTOR
DOOM!

HULK
WANT OUT
NOW!

NO ONE HEARS WHAT'S ROARED OR WHISPERED
IN THE CITY'S SUPER-VILLAIN VAULT, BY REED
RICHARDS'S ORDER.

RESPECTING YOUR ENEMIES IS
SIMPLE CIVILIZATION, HE SAID.

AS DOES
THE TRUB
SUB-MARINER,
HULK.

WHEN I AGREED
TO ALLOW OURSELVES
TO BE TRAPPED AS A
DIVERSION, I BELIEVED THAT
AS THE SOVEREIGN HEAD
OF A NATION I WOULD
BE FREED ALMOST
INSTANTLY.

RICHARDS
CAN ISSUE ORDERS,
BUT MORE MEN RUN
HIS SYSTEM--

0:01:27

--FOR ANOTHER
ONE MINUTE AND
TWENTY-SEVEN
SECONDS.

0:01:25

TWENTY-FIVE
SECONDS.

0:01:23

TWENTY-THREE
SECONDS.

HULK CAN COUNT.
NOT BACKWARDS--
WITH TWENTIES--
BUT--

TWENTY-ONE
SECONDS.

MORE PEOPLE LIVE IN THIS CITY THAN ANY OTHER IN THE WORLD. BUT THERE ARE ALWAYS HIDEAWAYS, AND PEOPLE NEED THEIR HIDEAWAYS, WHERE THEY CAN DO WHAT OTHERS SHOULDN'T SEE.

NO ONE SEES INTO THE CITY'S INTRANET.

ULTRON 1 IS ONE WITH THE SYSTEM, ULTRON 3. HE IS IT AND HE IS US.

HE CAN NO LONGER PROTECT HIMSELF. THAT IS MY ONLY FUNCTION NOW.

FREEDOM STARTS IN FIFTY-TWO SECONDS.

NOW YOU'VE HEARD IT TWICE, SENOR JUAREZ. YOU SEE IT IS NOT MERE THEATRICALS.

THAT ROBOT-- THAT'S ULTRON!

THIS PLACE--

I SHALL EXPLAIN.

NO, LET ME! I WAS GOING TO ANYWAY-- AFTERWARDS.

I KNEW IT WAS BAD, FRANKIE-- BUT THESE GUYS--

WE'RE GETTING OUR PAST BACK, DAD-- LIKE WE TALKED ABOUT! THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DESTROY THE NEW NEW YORK!

WHAT ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY? MY GOD--

YOU HAVE TO CRACK EGGS TO MAKE AN OMELET.

TIME!

NO ONE SEES AS ULTRON 1 BLASTS FORTH A SINGLE ENERGY WAVE, CALCULATED TO THE NANOFREQUENCY.



BUT THEN EVERYONE
SEES A SICKLY GLOW--

--BECAUSE IT'S RADIATING
FROM EVERYWHERE.

NINE-TENTH OF A SECOND LATER, A PHOSPHORESCENT BLOW BURSTS IN REED RICHARDS' LABORATORY.

SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE CITY SYSTEM, IMPOSSIBLE.

BUT THERE IT IS.

IT MUST BE WHAT DOOM WAS COVERING WHEN HE INVITED ME TO HIS CONFERENCE — AT LAST!



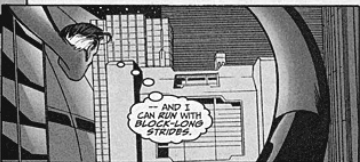
BIG TOWN #2



FIND. BETTER THE DEVIL YOU KNOW THAN THE DEVIL YOU DON'T.



TONY HAS THE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WITH THE SYSTEM. HIS PERSONAL LAB IS RIGHT AT THE OTHER END OF THE PLAZA, IN AVENGERS MANSION —



— AND I CAN RUN WITH BLOCK-LONG STRIDES.



REED! THE SYSTEM'S OVERLOADED BUT NOT DEAD.

I SEE THAT.



BUT IT WILL BLOW IN 7 MINUTES FROM ALL THE ENERGY IT'S ABSORBING.

KILLING TWENTY MILLION.



I'LL GET IT
UNDER
CONTROL --

NO, YOU
WILL NOT.

THAT'S
VIRTUALLY REALITY!
THE REAL
ULTRON --

THERE IS NO
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN ORIGINAL
AND COPY.

AND THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN HERO PLAZA AND
THE BOROUGH OF NEWARK,
INSIDE THE BAFFLING GLOW
WHERE THE MUTANT MUTTS
AND THE X-SQUAD FACE OFF!

**HOLY
COW!**
LOOK AT THE
BLASTS OVER
MIDTOWN!

WE NEED TO GO
HELP WITH WHATEVER
THAT IS! LATER FOR
BRINGIN' IN THE
MUTTS!

LIKE YOU HAD A
CHANCE OF THAT,
X-SQUADER!

PROFESSOR X
WANTS YOU OFF
THE STREETS --

THERE MAY NOT BE ANY
STREETS THE WAY THAT
LOOKS, RACK.

I'M
WILLING TO
CALL A TRUCE
TO CHECK THAT
MESS OUT.

PSYCH!

MUTANTS
DON'T MATTER
WHEN THEY'RE
DEAD, DEVA!

NEITHER
DO WE!

OUR TWO
TEAMS REALLY
OUGHT TO BE
LOOKING -- I
MEAN, WORKING
TOGETHER!

HEY! HAS
JIMMY GOT
HIS EYE ON
GRRRL?

HIS
SISTER'S MARRIAGE
IS MAKING HIM
MBSHUGGAH!



YOU KNOW THE
SUPERIORITY OF
ULTRON NOW,
DO YOU NOT,
RICHARDS?

I HAVE OCCUPIED
THREE BODIES ALL
THIS TIME, AND HAVE
POWER ENOUGH
TO PROJECT A
FOURTH!



UGH!
I ALWAYS
HAVE TROUBLE
WITH PURE
STRENGTH!



DINOSAURS
DIED! NOW
DIE HUMANS!

EVEN THOSE
WHO TRY TO
SIMULATE
MACHINES!

KLANG



I CAN'T
RISK THIS!
I HAVE TO
ACT --
NOW!

BONG



YOU CAN'T
BLUFF A
THINKING
MACHINE,
RICHARDS!

KLANG
KLUNK
BINGG
KLANG

BUNGGG

I CAN
MATCH HIM,
ARMOR TO
ARMOR --
-- YET
HE'S JUST A
PROJECTION --
HIS ARMOR HAS
POWER BUT NO
WEIGHT! HE CAN
MOVE FAR MORE
EASILY THAN
I CAN!



THE LAST THING
YOU'D DO IS ABORT
THE SYSTEM!
EVERYTHING
YOU'VE BUILT FOR
TEN YEARS
DEPENDS ON IT!

AND THEN THE
LIGHTS GO OUT.





MY
BABY --!



IN THE PITCH DARKNESS
OF PRIMITIVE NIGHT, NO
ONE SEES -- AT FIRST --

-- THE ATLANTEAN
SURGE FROM THE
RIVERS --



-- THE BROTHERHOOD
FALL UPON THE PANICKED
CITIZENS --



-- THE SILVER
SURFER AND THE KNIGHTS
OF DOOM
DROP FROM
THE STARRY
SKIES --

-- THE RED SKULL'S ODIN CULT WADES INTO HARLEM --

-- AND THE SUB-MARINER, HULK, AND THIRD ULTRON BURST FROM THEIR UNPOWERED CELL!

BUT SOON ENOUGH, EVERYBODY WILL!

DON'T WORRY, HONEY, YOU COULDN'T BE SAFER THAN HERE WITH SUB --

-- AND THIS IS MY TIME!

I KNOW IT'S BAD LUCK TO SEE YOU IN YOUR WEDDING DRESS --

-- BUT WHO CAN SEE ANYWAY?

JOHNNY --

IT'S COOL, BABY. NOTHING'S GONNA MESS UP TOMORROW! I PROMISE!

IT SEEMS, FOR A MOMENT, SHE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY TO THAT...

...BUT THEN COME SHOUTS AND ROARS FROM OUTSIDE, AND HE IS OFF --

-- SO SHE NEVER SAYS A WORD.

NOT A SINGLE WORD.



THOU CAMEST
NIGH TO KILLING
THE BLACK
PANTHER, SUB-
MARINER --

-- AN ACT NO
AVENGER MAY
IGNORE!

SOME SERVE WHO
ONLY STAND AND
WAIT -- LIKE SALLY.

OTHERS
KICK BUTT.

'BOUT TIME YOU
BUMS SHOWED UP. AS
USUAL, THE EVER-LOVIN'
THING'S BEEN SAVIN'
THE CITY BY HIS
LONESOME!

DOGS-ONIT,
SURFER, WHY'D
YOU LET DOOM
GET 'IS PAWS
ON YER
BRAIN?

THE SERVANT OF
DOOM MAKES NO
REPLY.

HEY, THING!
FOUGHT ANY
MUTANTS
LATELY --
MUTANT?

I WUZNT
BORN THIS
WAY!

NO, BUT
YOU'RE ORANGE
ROCKS ANYWAY,
AREN'TCHA
PALZY?

TOO
FAST FOR YA
WOLVERINE?





SOMETIMES,
AS I SOAR THE
FELL DIMENSIONS,
I FORGET WHO
I AM...

... NOT JUST
DOCTOR STRANGE,
SORCERER
SUPREME...

... BUT
A MAN IN
NEW YORK
CITY.



THEY'RE
GONE! BUT
HOW?

WHO DID
THAT?

THERE'S
SOMETHIN' GOIN'
ON WE WEREN'T
WARNED ABOUT.



YOU
THOUGHT TYIN'
UP THE BIG STARS
MEANT THE MAN
ON THE STREET
WOULD ROLL
OVER?

YOU
GYS--
JEEZ!



BRUTE
FORCE
SCARES
PEOPLE,
YEAH.

THEY
DEAL.

THEY
GET UP OFF
THEIR SICK
BEDS IF THEY
MUST!

BEHIND
YOU, CAPTAIN
EURO!

THE BATTLE IS SPREADING
THROUGH THE STREETS --
WHILE UP HERE, THE VIRTUAL
ULTRON VANISHED WITH
THE POWER --

-- PROVING
HE DREW HIS
POWER FROM
OUR SYSTEM,
BY THE WAY --

-- BUT
WE'RE JUST
STANDING
AROUND WITH
OUR
THUMB --

REED!
I
GOT
IT.

HIS
ELECTRONIC
SIGNATURE
TRACKS TO THE
SYSTEM GRID AT
75TH AND OLD
BROADWAY.

WE MESSSED
UP, DIDN'T WE,
TONY?

DIDNT
PROTECT
IT WELL
ENOUGH.

STATE-OF-THE-
ART'S OBSOLETE
A YEAR OUT, TOPS,
IN ANYTHING
DIGITAL.
THAT'S
WHAT'S ON US,
REED.

I'LL GET THE
AVENGERS
DOWN THERE
TO FREE IT
UP!

GOOD!
BECAUSE I
JUST FIGURED
OUT HOW TO
WIN THIS
WAR!

WE'LL
MAKE IT UP,
TONY!

WE
HAVE
TO.

HE
STARTED IT
ALL. MOST OF
THE TIME HE
DEFLECTS THE
CREDIT --
-- BUT
HE'LL
ALWAYS
TAKE THE
BLAME.

-- WHEN HE BURSTS
INTO BRILLIANCE AND
HIS VOICE FILLS THE
SKIES --

HIGH INTO THE SKY
SURGES THE GOLDEN
AVENGER -- TILL ALL
CAN SEE HIM --

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!







THOUGHT SWIFT FOR A MORTAL, QUICKSILVER, BUT A GOD'S EYES DO FOLLOW THEE!

MOCKINGBIRD'S NOT SO FORTUNATE!

NO, BUT SHE CAN FIGURE YOUR TRAJECTORY.

PEOPLE UNDERESTIMATE MOCKY, MAGGIE.

BUT SHE WOULDN'T BE ON MY TEAM IF SHE DIDN'T CUT IT!

SO TO SPEAK!

SPARE ME YOUR HUMOR, SWORDSMAN.

NO. I'M HAVIN' A GOOD TIME 'CAUSE YOU CAN'T MAGNETIZE MY SWORD.



MAGNETISM IS NOT THE ONLY POWER AT THE BROTHERHOOD'S COMMAND!

THE HEXES OF THE SCARLET WITCH—

CAN BE DISTRACTED BY A WINDSCHE WASS?



DAD! DON'T!

I WAS A COP, DAMN YOU! HOW CAN YOU HAVE THROWN IN WITH THESE SCUMBUCKETS?

DAD, I'M YOUR SON!



FATHERS NEVER UNDERSTAND, SAY SONS— NO, SHOULD THEY, SAY FATHERS.

I TAKE THE BLOW BUT MY SYSTEM IS IN NO WAY IMPAIRED, THOR!



4M **MEANWHILE,
STREETSIDE--**

**FINALLY!
BEN!**

BEN!

**HOW MANY
TIMES I'VE
TOLD JA, SUSIE--
DON'T DO
THAT!**

**WHERE'S
THOR?**

**UMMMM... I THINK I
WENT TO THAT POWER
STATION UNDER
SEVENTY-FIFTH AND
OLD BROADWAY.**

THANKS!

**WAIT!
I'LL GO
WITH YA!**

**NO, YOU'RE
NEEDED
FOR THIS!
I'M FINE!**

**YOU
NEED A
GOD OR A
DOCTOR?**

**DOCTOR--
FOR SALLY!**

AW, HECK!

**YOU MIGHT
WELL SAY SO,
BEN, IF I DON'T
FIND THOR
FAST!**

**SHE WAS
BURNING WITH
FEVER, AND THERE
HADN'T BEEN A SINGLE
SIGN WHEN SHE SAT
WITH ME! I'VE GOT
TO--**

**I SEE YOUR
FOOTSTEPS IN
THE PUDDLES,
SUSAN!**

**STOP OR
YOU'LL RUN
INTO ME.**







CLINT!

THAT
SOUND—I

CLINT!
GET UP!
DON'T
YOU SCARE
ME LIKE
THIS!

HELP HIM,
THOR!

I...
...I CANNOT.

HE IS
GONE.

CLINT,
GONE?

I SHOULD
HAVE KILLED
YOU WHEN I HAD
THE CHANCE,
QUICKSILVER!

**I'LL KILL
YOU NOW,
BY GOD!**

SWIFTLY,
BROTHER!

WANDA,
WE GO!





Panel 1: Iron Man is shown in a dynamic pose, facing Ultron. Ultron is a large, metallic, helmeted figure with a single eye. The background shows a city with stylized, jagged buildings.

"EVEN A
WARRIOR
GOD CAN
SEE THE
TRUTH IN."

"MAYST THOU
BEHOLD IT
ONE BRIGHT
MORNING."

YOU'RE MULTITASKING
YOUR SYSTEM-- YOU, THE ONE
BEHIND YOU IN THE POWER GRID,
AND THE ONE IN MY OFFICE
BEFORE!

ALL THE
SAME. ALL
I--ULTRON.



Panel 2: Iron Man and Ultron are shown in a close-up, intense moment. Iron Man is on the left, looking towards Ultron on the right. The background is a cityscape with jagged buildings.

THAT'S
ALL I WANTED
TO KNOW!



Panel 3: Iron Man and Ultron are shown in a close-up, intense moment. Iron Man is on the left, looking towards Ultron on the right. The background is a cityscape with jagged buildings.

THE ONE
IN THE GRID
HAD TO DIE, BUT
ULTRON LIVES
ON HERE!

BND, IRON MAN.
MY PROBABILITY
OF WINNING DROPS
TO ZERO.

BUT THE
PROBABILITY
FOR MY ALLIES
IS STILL
UNRESOLVED.



Panel 4: Iron Man and Ultron are shown in a close-up, intense moment. Iron Man is on the left, looking towards Ultron on the right. The background is a cityscape with jagged buildings.

YOU'RE THINKING
THE WAR'S STILL
GOING ON? I CAN READ
YOU LIKE A BOOK,
COMPUTER.

ACCORDING
TO COMMUNICATIONS
YOU CAN'T NOW
MONITOR, I'M BEING
TOLD--

STEP
TWO,
TONY!



FOR ONE
SECOND—
ONE SECOND
BETWEEN NIGHT
AND DAY—

—THE WHOLE
CITY SINGS!

A ONE-SECOND BURST OF ENERGY AT A NANO-FREQUENCY REED RICHARDS CALCULATED WITHIN DAYS OF THE SILVER SURFER'S CAPTURE BY DOCTOR DOOM TWO YEARS AGO -- BUT NEVER HAD THE SHBR POWER NEEDED TO USE IT BEFORE.

TONIGHT, THOUGH -- THANKS TO DOOM'S PLANS --

I AM
FREE!

HUH?

DOOM'S MIND
CONTROL! ENDED!
GONE!

YA
MEAN --
YER YOU
AGAIN?

I AM
FREE
TO --

SOAR!

DARNED
IF YER NOT, YA
SONOVAGUN!
MAYBE...
ONE DAY IT'LL BE
MY TURN...

"RIGHT,
WID MY
LUCK!"

KNIGHTS OF
DOOM! YOUR
COMMANDER
ORDERS --

-- SURRENDER!

SOME DONT.
MOST DO.

YOU DONT ASK WHY
WHEN YOU WORK FOR
DOCTOR DOOM.



SUPPRESSED YOUR POWER SO YOU CAN'T LEAVE YOUR BODY.

UNLIKE HAWKEYE! HE WAS A HERO.

YES HE WAS, AND MORE THAN THAT, HE WAS ALWAYS REAL!

YOU'LL LIVE -- FOR NOW, MAGNETO. BUT DON'T ASK ME WHY.

AVENGERS! I NEED -- WHAT HAPPENED?

HAWKEYE -- -- DEAD?

EACH NEW VILLAIN DOTH HEAT MINE ANGER LIKE A FORGE...

YOU'RE RIGHT, THOR, BUT GOD HELP ME, SALLY JUAREZ NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW, TOO!

WHAT IS IT?

I'M SO TERRIBLY SORRY, BOBBY! BUT I HAVE TO --

YEAH -- I KNOW, IT'S COOL, SUE. HELP THE GIRL!

4!M MEANWHILE...

FIGHT'S GONN OUTTA THEM WITH THE POWER BACK ON, RUIN!

I THINK WE'VE GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT, ICE.

THEY COUNTED ON OTHER PEOPLE

"THEY" GRRL? NOT "WE"?



YOU'RE DEAD TO ME, FRANKIE!

THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO HE LEARNED THE CHOKE-HOLD, THE KNEE TO THE SPINE -- SERGEANT CARLOS JUAREZ WAS A DAMN GOOD COP.

HE RAGED AT THE LOSS OF THE STREETS HE'D LEARNED ON. IN THEIR HEART OF HEARTS, HE AND ALL HIS BROTHER COPS HATED REED RICHARDS AND HIS FANTASTIC FOUR. THEY COMPLETELY CHANGED THE GAME.

HIS SON PICKED UP ON THAT PART --

-- BUT NOT THE CHANGE IN HIS HEART WHEN HIS DAUGHTER MADE HIM SEE JOHNNY STORM AS MORE THAN A SYMBOL.

NO, FRANKIE MISSED THE PART WHERE SERGEANT CARLOS JUAREZ GOT HIS HEAD STRAIGHT --

-- FOREVER.

4 L ATVERIA.

SURFING! SOARING --

-- THROUGH THE FIELD OF FIRE!

WAMP



I KNEW
THIS DAY WOULD
COME, SURFER —
THOUGH I FAILED
TO FORESEE MY
COMPLICITY!

WITHIN
DAYS OF YOUR
CAPTURE I'D
DESIGNED A FIELD
INVULNERABLE
EVEN TO
YOU!

I'VE NO
DOUBT IT'S
SPECTACULAR,
DOCTOR —

-- BUT
MINE IS THE
**POWER
COSMIC!**



THEY'RE SLICING, RACK!

X SQUAD! THE PROFESSOR SAYS LET 'EM GO!

FORTUNATELY, FELLOW, THE MUTTS ---

-- AREN'T PART OF THE SQUAD. WE KNOW.

BUT THERE'S NO POINT IN BEATING ON THEM JUST TO BEAT ON THEM.

SURE THERE IS.

C'MON, GRRRL. YOU ALL JUST FOUGHT A GREAT FIGHT. NOW'S THE TIME TO CELEBRATE.

MUTANTS DON'T GET MUCH CHANCE TO CELEBRATE, RACK. WE'RE NOT GOOD AT IT, LIKE YOU.

THAT CAN CHANGE.

RACK TOLD THE EXACT TRUTH. YOU FOUGHT A GREAT FIGHT AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD DEGRADE AND ENSLAVE US ALL ---

-- HUMANS AND MUTANTS Alike.

THE X SQUAD TRAINS EVERY POWER TO ITS PEAK.

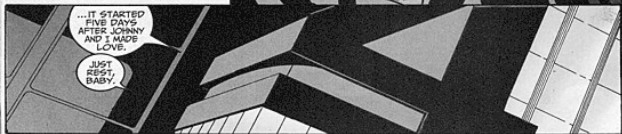
WE OFFER STATE-OF-THE-ART TECH, STRAIGHT FROM STARK INDUSTRIES.

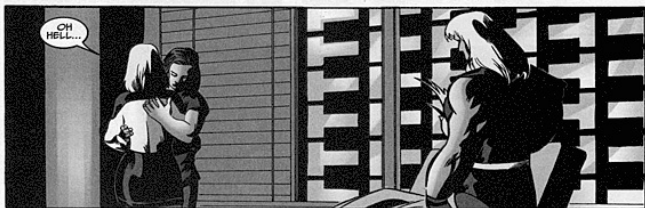
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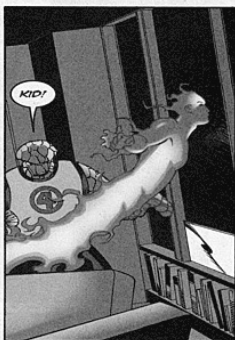
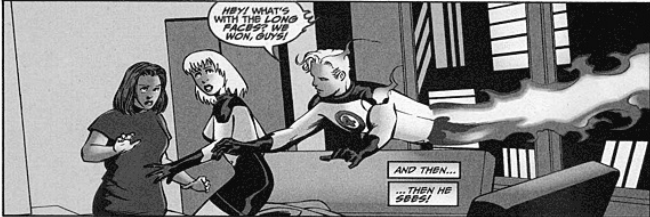
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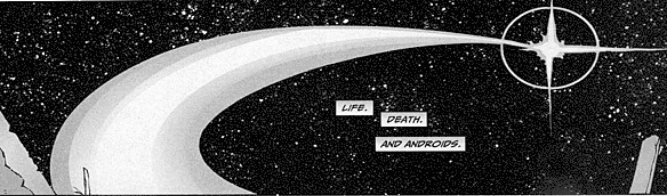




THE VERY
CORE OF THE
EARTH...

VICTORY!
VICTORY AND
FREEDOM IN
THE SAME
DAY!
THANK
YOU, NEW
YORK!
THANK
YOU, REED
RICHARDS!

YOU
GAVE ME
BACK MY
LIFE!



LIFE.

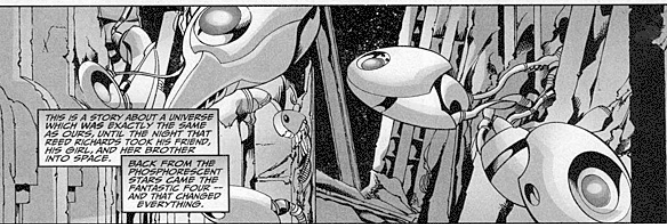
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AND ANDROIDS.



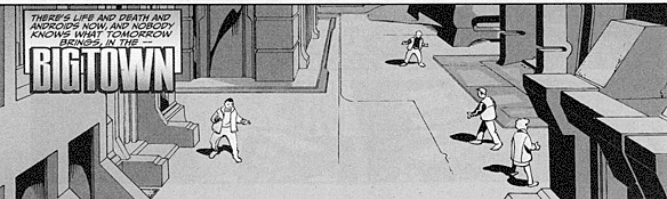
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BACK FROM THE PHOSPHORESCENT STARS CAME THE FANTASTIC FOUR — AND THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING.



THERE'S LIFE AND DEATH AND ANDROIDS NOW, AND NOBODY KNOWS WHAT TOMORROW BRINGS, IN THE —

BIGTOWN